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USTR ANNOUNCES FINAL PRODUCT LIST IN BANANAS DISPUTE

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) today announced the final list of products on which the United States will impose 100 percent *ad valorem* duties in response to a decision by World Trade Organization (WTO) arbitrators that the European Union (EU) has failed to implement a WTO-consistent banana regime. The WTO arbitrators determined that the EU banana regime results in a significant loss in U.S. exports of goods and services and that the United States is entitled to suspend tariff concessions covering trade in an amount of \$191.4 million per year. The USTR will publish the determination imposing the 100 percent duties in the *Federal Register* and intends to make the imposition of such duties effective March 3, 1999.

LIST OF PRODUCTS

The imposition of 100% duties will apply to products that are both: (1) classified in the subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States listed below; and (2) the product of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, or the United Kingdom. Note that 100% duties will not apply to HTS 85167000, electrothermic coffee or tea makers, for domestic purposes, that are the product of Italy. The product descriptions in the table below are provided for the convenience of the reader and are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products, which is to be determined by the HTS number.

HTS No.	Product Description
33073050	Bath preparations, other than bath salts
42022215	Handbags, with or without shoulder straps or without handle, with outer surface of sheeting of plastics
42023210	Articles of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag, with outer surface of reinforced or laminated plastics
48055000	Uncoated felt paper and paperboard in rolls or sheets
48192000	Folding cartons, boxes and cases of noncorrugated paper or paperboard
49119120	Lithographs on paper or paperboard, not over 0.51 mm in thickness, printed not over 20 years at time of importation
63022190	Bed linen, not knit or crochet, printed, of cotton, not containing any embroidery, lace, braid, edging, trimming, piping or applique work, not napped
85072080	Lead-acid storage batteries other than of a kind used for starting piston engines or as the primary source of power for electric vehicles
85167100	Electrothermic coffee or tea makers, for domestic purposes (Except Italy)